

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. No claims have been amended. The Office Action states that claim 1-4, 6-8, 11-17, 20-23 and 25-27 are allowed. Each of the rejected claims, claims 34 – 38, have now been cancelled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition to proceed to issuance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 34 – 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahn, *et al.*, U. S. Patent No. 5,751,287 (“Hahn”) in view of Straub, *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,905,492 (“Straub”) and further in of Gautestad, U.S. Patent No. 7,039,860 (“Gautestad”). Applicants have cancelled claims 34 – 38 in response to this rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection and submit that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Each of the pending claims, claim 1-4, 6-8, 11-17, 20-23 and 25-27, have now been allowed. If any issues remain which would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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